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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Community Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop has openings for volunteers during the winter months. The shop welcomes full time and winter residents. The Thrift Shop is at 20815 W. Pennsylvania Ave., across from the Blues Brothers statues and is manned entirely by volunteers.

Volunteers meet monthly to decide where to donate funds. Shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Volunteers work three-hour shifts weekly or as a substitute on an occasional basis.

For more information, call Joann McCullough, president, at 465-7018.

Dunnellon Women's Club to meet today

The Dunnellon Women's Club will meet at noon today, Jan. 10, at the Women's Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St. It will be a pot luck lunch. Following lunch, there will be a presentation by Kevin and Debra DeWitt from the Family Hope Pregnancy Center.

For more information, call Treva Matthews at 489-4512.

Chamber of Commerce awards dinner slated

The Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce will host its annual awards/installation dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Rainbow River's Clubhouse. During the evening's festivities, awards will be given out and newly elected board members will be sworn in.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person. The cost includes the price of dinner as well as appetizers, deserts, wine and drinks. Seating is limited.

For more information or to purchase a ticket for the event, call the Chamber of Commerce at 489-2320 or email dunnellonchamber@bellsouth.net.

Photographing the birds of Florida

Want to improve your photography skills? Pete Gumaskas, nature photographer and Audubon enthusiast, will share his tips for photographing birds and other wildlife found in our local area at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Dunnellon Public Library.

Darrell Snedecor, the co-presenter and president of the Citrus County Audubon Society, will share the benefits of joining the Audubon Society.

The program is free. For more information, call 438-2520.



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DHS student, 17, killed in wreck



Kyle E. Lay



Kyle Lay's mother, Tanya, center, is consoled by her husband, David Stone, left, and her mother, Pat Jones Monday morning at Dunnellon High School as other family members gathered at the school for a moment of silence and prayer in honor of the 17-year-old who was killed in a car wreck Friday night in Ocala.

Students, staff mourning the death of Kyle Lay

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Riverland News

Once again, students and staff at Dunnellon High School are in mourning.

The close-knit, community-minded school is reeling after the tragic death of 17-year-old Kyle Lay, who died Friday night in a two-vehicle wreck in Ocala.

Lay, a sophomore and member of the school's Junior Air Force ROTC, was killed when he was thrown from the back of a truck he was riding in, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

It's the second death in a 14-month span at the school.

In November 2011, students and staff were hit hard when beloved teacher Andy Cottrill died prior to Thanksgiving break. Lay's death comes two days after students and staff returned from their two-and-a-half week winter break.

Family members, students and staff gathered around the flag pole for a moment of silence and prayer in support of Lay's family and friends.

Lay's grief-stricken mother, Tanya, embraced family and friends throughout the morning, thanking them for their support. She said she'll always remember her son for his "fun" personality.

"He was always concerned about other peo-



Students embrace each other after a moment of silence in honor of Kyle Lay.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ple," she said, her eyes filled with tears, still red and puffy.

His grandmother, Pat Jones, said it was his goal to finish his education and join the U.S. Army, and eventually start a career as a law enforcement officer.

"He's leading God's army now," she said, fighting back tears. "He was always concerned about everyone else. He had so many friends, not just here at school but everywhere. He could always make friends with anyone."

Jones described her grandson as a "country boy." She said she bought him a pair of

cowboy-like work boots one year and he always wore them, his pants tucked in.

"I remember he'd gone to the Mud Hole once," Jones said, noting Lay was one of her five grandchildren. "He called me to apologize because he'd gotten his boots all muddy and he had to wash them off. I told him that it was OK, they're boots, they're supposed to get muddy."

Lay's cousin, Allissa Miller, a member of the Junior ROTC at North Marion High School, recalled Lay as a person, "she could talk to him

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Man, 35, faces drug charges

Victor Crawford remains in jail

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A 35-year-old Beverly Hills man faces a drug charge after authorities stopped the man for driving a vehicle with expired tags Jan. 6, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.



Victor Crawford

According to the report, Victor W. Crawford was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

The report stated Crawford was driving southbound on U.S. 41 when Officer Scott Houts observed Crawford driving a black Ford truck with expired tags. Houts then, according to the report, initiated a traffic stop. Houts made contact with Crawford, who then informed him he was in possession of a small bag of marijuana which Crawford turned over to authorities. Crawford then consented to a search of the vehicle.

According to the report, during the search of the vehicle Houts observed a white in color pill container on the passenger side of the vehicle in a Wendy's fast-food bag (where Crawford was seated). Upon opening the container, the report stated, Houts observed a white in color rock-like substance. Also in the passenger seat was an empty box of cigarettes, which upon further inspection by Houts contained a clear plastic bag inside filled with a white powdery substance.

The report stated Houts conducted a presumptive field test on the white in color rock-like substance and the white powdery substance, both of which tested positive for the presence of cocaine.

According to the report, post Miranda, Crawford told authorities the pack of cigarettes and white in color pill container were in fact his. Crawford was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$5,000. As of press deadline Wednesday morning, Crawford remained in the Marion County Jail.

Report details fatal wreck

A Dunnellon High School student was killed Friday during a two-vehicle crash after being thrown from the bed of a pickup truck.

Kyle Eugene Altieri Lay, 17, was riding in the back of a 1990 Ford Ranger driven by Christine Hill, 49, heading east on Southwest County Road 95 when a vehicle driven by Joseph Minieri, 75, failed to observe the truck as it drove across the southbound and eastbound lanes of the roadway, according to the Florida Highway Patrol report.

Minieri, who was driving a 2013 Chevy Equinox, struck the side of the truck, causing it to rotate and sending Lay into the air and toward a tree. Lay was pronounced dead at Ocala Regional Hospital.

Hill and three other passengers in her Ranger — 17-year-old C.J. Hill, Dustin A. Hahn, also 17, and Michael Donals, 18, all of Dunnellon — suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Long-time officer bestowed agency's top honor

Lt. Webb named Officer of the Year for DPD

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A little more than two years ago, Sue Webb turned in her gun and badge along with her retirement papers to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, marking an end to her 20-plus year career in law enforcement.

Or so she thought. Instead, the long-time Citrus County law enforcement officer was

coaxed out of retirement by her long-time friend Joanne Black, chief of the Dunnellon Police Department.

The thought was to have Webb assist the agency in a part-time capacity.

After a month on the job with the agency, Webb was promoted to second in command and given a full-time slot.

"Retirement has been busy," she quipped.

Indeed it has been for Webb, a fourth-generation Floridian and life-long resident of Citrus County. Lt. Webb is one of three members of the Dunnellon Police Department's Water Rescue Unit and also serves as one of two instructors for the RAD Self-Defense Course.

In addition to those

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Lt. Sue Webb, right, poses with Holland Dufour, her shopping buddy during the Cops for Kids program. Lt. Webb is the Officer of the Year.

City seeks to fill vacancies on respective boards

Special to the Riverland News

The city is accepting applications for the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Board.

Planning Commission members serve three-year terms. Board members must be residents of the city or business owners for more than three

years. The Planning Commission hears planning and zoning applications, forwarding a recommendation for action to the City Council.

The Planning Commission meets the third Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the

length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Members of the Historic Preservation Board serve three-year terms. The Board hears building and zoning permit applications that affect the Historic District for the City of Dunnellon.

The Historic Preservation Board meets the second Tuesday monthly in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Interested parties may download an application for either

board at www.dunnellon.org or by contacting the Community Development Department at jrehberg@dunnellon.org, calling 465-8500, option No. 3, or in person at 20750 River Drive, Dunnellon, Florida and return to: City of Dunnellon, 20750 River Drive, Dunnellon, FL 34431. Attn: Community Development.

City removes tree from Ernie Mills Park



City of Dunnellon employee Mike Goff, above, gives co-worker John Lakatis a thumbs up as the pair work to remove a large water oak tree recently from Ernie Mills Park. According to city officials, the tree in recent years had dropped several large branches and there was a concern it might cause damage to nearby buildings. Once the tree was cut down, it was discovered the inside of it was hollow.

Goff, right works to cut through the large tree with a chainsaw. The project took employees several days to complete.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Dunnellon Garden Club to meet Jan. 17

The Dunnellon Garden Club will meet at noon Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Dunnellon Woman's Club at 11756 Cedar St. Tim Crawford of Forest Grove Palms will be the guest speaker and he will discuss succulent plants, which are cold hardy. After the speaker's talk, there will be a buffet and general meeting, which members will discuss the approaching annual Fashion Show, slated for Feb. 9 at First United Methodist Church.

Guests are welcome. For more information, call Pam Ricker at 489-3545.

CEE meeting slated Jan. 17

Citizens for an Engaged Electorate will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Williston Community Center. The public is invited.

The primary agenda item is the Move to Amend coalition movement that seeks to amend the U.S. Constitution to: negate the concept of artificial entities (including corporations, unions, PACs and non-profits) as persons, and make it clear that spending money in elections is not free speech, thus ending the ability of individuals to buy our political process.

Other items on the agenda include: the Water and Land Use Florida Legacy Amendment, voter registration for 2014 election and saving the USPS.

For more information, email citizensengaged2012@gmail.com or call 465-4862.

Conservation district to host tree give away

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District will host its third annual Native Tree Give-away in recognition of Florida's Arbor Day.

Marion SWCD will give away more than 1,500 trees, which include Longleaf Pine, Red Maple, Dogwood, Live Oak, Common Persimmon, Chickasaw Plum, and Riverbirch. Trees, available on a first come, first serve basis, will be given

away starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the McPherson Government Complex Field.

Experts will be available onsite to consult about proper planting techniques as well as about how and what trees to plant to attract wildlife. Related agencies and local business may also be present to assist in answering any questions you may have.

For more information, call the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District office at 352-622-3971, Option 3.

Friends of the Library to host bat program

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will present Shari Blissett-Clark, who is board member for Bat Belfrys Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving Florida's bats through public education and habitat restoration.

Blissett-Clark will give a one-hour program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Library Meeting Room. Blissett-Clark's program, which will include a question-and-answer session, will be about bat facts, species diversity, environmental and economic benefits of bats and the overstated disease risks.

For more information, call 438-2520.

Agency needs items for homeless program

The Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Center is in need of items for its Project Homeless program, which is designed to help the homeless with food, tents and coolers. All three items are needed at this time. If you are able to assist us in this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

Master Choir holding auditions

The Central Florida Master Choir is hosting auditions for the group. The ability to read music, harmonize and match pitch are required along with prioritizing rehearsals and performances. For more information or to schedule an audition, call Hal McSwain at 352-237-3035 or 352-615-7677. For more information about the group, visit www.cfmasterchoir.com

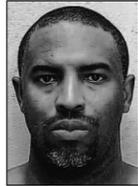
Man charged with driving while license suspended

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A 39-year-old Ocala man was charged with driving while his license was suspended or revoked, a habitual offender, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, Marvin E. Grant was observed driving a 2005

black Dodge four-door passenger car Jan. 5 with inoperable tag lights. The report stated Officer Scott Houts conducted a traffic stop in the Murphy USA parking lot. After making contact with Grant, Houts ran his information through the



Marvin Grant

Marion County Sheriff's Office teletype, which confirmed Grant's license had been suspended since February 2009. The report stated Grant told authorities he had just finished paying his court fees and everything should be cleared up and that he should

have his Florida Drivers License.

Grant was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$2,000. According to jail records, Grant was additionally charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, second offense, based on a Sumter County warrant. Grant remains in the Marion County Jail.

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Ocala woman, 33, faces charge of simple battery

Report: Woman punched another in dispute about \$20

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A 33-year-old Ocala woman faces a charge of simple battery after punching another woman in her face in a dispute about \$20, a Marion County Sheriff's Office report stated.

According to the report, Krys-

tal Knirsch was charged with simple battery after striking a 42-year-old female in the face in the 19200 block of Southwest 49th Place.

The report stated Knirsch arrived at the home of the victim, described as a friend in the report. Authorities wrote that a male subject, also residing at the

home, answered the door when Knirsch knocked. Knirsch told the man she needed to speak with the victim and she walked into the house and straight to the bedroom where the victim was. The male who answered the door, the report stated, told law enforcement officials Knirsch appeared intoxicated.

According to the report, Knirsch walked into the room and began yelling at the victim, stating she wanted her "\$20" back. Knirsch then began slamming the bedroom door at which time the victim got out of her bed and told Knirsch to stop. The report stated that's when Knirsch punched the victim in the face.

According to the report, when authorities arrived they noted

the victim's right eye to be swollen shut and black and blue. The male subject told officials he witnessed Knirsch punch the victim at which time he broke up the fight and escorted the victim out of the residence.

The report stated before authorities arrived, Knirsch left the residence and the victim could not provide an address or known whereabouts.

'Homeless Veteran Stand Down'

Special to the Riverland News

OCALA — Workforce Connection of Citrus, Levy and Marion counties will host a regional Homeless Veteran Stand Down to provide services and resources to homeless military veterans and their families.

The event, in collaboration with area veterans groups and community organizations, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Florida Army National Guard Armory, 900 S.W. 20th St., in Ocala. There is no charge to participate.

Stand Downs assist homeless veterans and their families by providing health screenings, Veterans Administration and Social Security benefits counseling and referrals to a variety of services such as employment, housing and substance abuse treatment. In addition, nonperishable foods, blankets and clothing will be distributed.

Funding for the event is provided by a grant from the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) and Florida Department of Children and Families. Workforce Connection was one of 20 organizations in Florida to receive the funding. The goal is to assist 4,000 homeless veterans throughout the state.

Kim Smith, lead local veterans employment representative (LLVER) and Stand Down coordinator, said Workforce Connection will be offering employment services and appointments for one-on-one consultations to help veterans overcome barriers to employment.

"This can be an event that will really benefit our veteran communities. Our Veteran Team is working hard to ensure that we are able to provide as many resources and services as possible to our veterans in greatest need," said Smith, a United States Navy veteran and former Florida National Guard member. "This network of resources is meant as a hand up, not a handout."

To learn more about the Homeless Veteran Stand Down or Workforce Connection's priority veterans services, contact Smith at 352-732-1700, ext. 2225 or 800-434-JOBS and ask to speak to a Veterans Representative.



Lt. Sue Webb, middle, along with Officers Carolina Rolfe and Scott Houts, as other members of the agency participate in a joint training exercise in December with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

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duties, she's been an integral part of the agency's participation in Special Olympics, Relay for Life and other community-minded activities.

This past year, she was elected to serve on the board of directors for Dunnellon Little League after working closely with members for several months after a rash of break-ins and thefts at the concession stand.

Lt. Webb was instrumental in rounding up volunteers throughout the community to assist board members, coaches and parents in helping breathe new life into the outdated, antiquated facility.

Now, Lt. Webb said, the district will allow Dunnellon to host tournaments this year, a vital cog in generating funds to keep the league afloat and pay expenses such as electricity bills.

"I started out wanting to find out how we could curtail the problems they were having," said Lt. Webb, named the agency's Officer of the Year. "Slowly, I started getting involved in it more and they asked me to serve. Now, we have a facility that looks great, and others are noticing it. But it's really satisfying when you see the look of pride on the kids' faces and that's what it's all about. They've got this facility that looks great and they're taking pride in it."

"It's about giving them a chance to learn about teamwork, responsibility and so much more. They're our future and we need to do what we can to give them great opportunities."

Lt. Webb praised the citizens for their involvement and that of Chief Black's for not only encouraging it, but being at the forefront of community policing.

"This is a much more involved community. The people really care about making this a better place to live, to raise their children," Lt. Webb said. "And chief really has a passion for community policing and being involved. She wants everyone here to be a part of the community."

"But what makes a difference is she doesn't just preach it, she does it and she encourages and supports it. If you didn't have that, it would be a moot point. She backs it up."

Lt. Webb said working with a younger crew of law enforcement officers is a blessing.

"They teach us a lot about the technology," she said. "It also gives us the chance to teach them about tactics or approaches they might not have thought about. But they are a fun group to be around, very dedicated, very loving and supportive of each other."

Though many aspects of a career in law enforcement have changed throughout her 20-plus

years in the field, Lt. Webb said one aspect remains the same: the close bond you develop working with those around you.

"At a larger agency, you develop a close bond with those who are in your squad, you do a lot together," she explained. "But here, we're like those squads of larger agencies. We all spend time together, we're very close. We watch out for each other, we're very protective of each other."

Chief Black praised Lt. Webb for her dedication, not only to the community, but to the field of law enforcement.

"Lt. Webb has enhanced our department through her dedication to the community she serves, as well as the department she represents," Chief Black said. "Lt. Webb has brought her 25 years of law enforcement experience to our agency, which is a benefit to the agency as well as to the officers. She always provides assistance to the officers and staff members, maintaining a professional attitude at all times."

COMMUNITY NEWS

State park in need of volunteers

Rainbow Springs State Park is currently seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist Visitors and the Park. If you think you would like to start training to become a Volunteer Toll Booth Attendant, or other various positions, contact Nicky Aiken at Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539. This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic Visitor questions, and have a positive attitude. Toll Booth Attendant Volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The Toll Booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

The Concession Stand at Rainbow Springs State Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers, is in need of volunteers, especially on weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested Volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a Volunteer Application. If interested, contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

The South Dunnellon Civic Association Inc. meets at 4:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly at 1962 W. Test Court, South Dunnellon.

The facility is on the left side of the street just before The Annie W. Johnson Center. The public is invited to come help, and give ideas to promote community improvement and safety.

For more details, con-

tact Randy Campbell at 465-7135 or email randolphcampbell@bell.south.net.

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for Domestic Violence victims. The collected phones are turned over to domestic violence shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St. Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and the Women's Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly. Dinner will be served at 5:30.

The Dunnellon Young Marines meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Bingo will be at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.

The outdoor flea market and pancake breakfast is the third Saturday monthly. Cost is \$5 per person.

Penno VFW Post plans events

Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announce the following events.

Join us for Darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 Hot Dogs are available for lunch on those days.

Please plan to join us for dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$8 each.

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Tragedy strikes again at Dunnellon High

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 "Life is for living, not living up tight, see ya somewhere up in the sky
 "Fear not die, I'll be alive for a million years
 "Bye-byes are not for legends, I'm forever young, my name shall survive."
 — Jay Z and Alphaville's "Forever Young"

There is no comprehending the tragic death of Kyle Lay. The task is utterly impossible. The question of "why" is likely lingering in the minds of those

who make up the Dunnellon High School student body. There is no explaining his death and why a young person would be taken away from his family and friends as his future lie ahead of him. I can relate to the youths as they grieve and ponder some of life's biggest questions in the days, weeks and months to come. It's natural to ask why, it's natural to grieve, to feel empty and angry, all at once or during individual phases. Twice as a teen, I dealt with



Jeff Bryan
Editor

the death of two classmates. The first time was toward the end of my freshman year. I recall the night so vividly, as my classmates and I were preparing to mark the end of our journey in junior high school and make the transition to high school. We would attend our last junior high school dance. My family and I were at the annual year-end sports banquet. As we sat in the cafeteria, waiting for the event to conclude, one of the local police detectives walked in and

escorted one of the families outside. Puzzled, my father went outside to figure out what would be so pressing for our local law enforcement agency's lead detective to be in such a frenzy with a distraught look upon his face. My dad quickly found his answer. Not only had one of my classmates died in a deadly wreck, but so had one of my sister's classmates. Both the only children of one of our local police officers. Both gone in an instant when the elder of the two, Jeff, overcorrected his vehicle while he and his brother, Jody, were off

to visit their grandparents. It rocked our community, not only the schools. Jeff would have been the class valedictorian; scheduled to attend Wichita State University in the fall, having earned a pretty prestigious scholarship. Jody would have been roaming the halls of the high school with us. Most of my classmates, as well as the underclass at our school, learned about their deaths at the school dance when the deejay made an ill-advised announcement, mispronouncing Jody's name at the end of the night.

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LETTERS

Urgent message for the residents of Rainbow Springs

Regarding the Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association General Election/Meeting Jan. 16; you have probably received your Election Packet in the mail with a green proxy form. Please do not sign this form to President Frankenfield or mail it in. If you do, this will guarantee the election of the same exact Board of Directors and the two people they have chosen.

This procedure is not an open election.

Again this year, Joan Duggins and Penny Fyrogennis are offering to carry your proxies to the meeting. You vote for your choices in the bottom section and sign the proxy line to one of us and we will take it to the Election Meeting, if you cannot come.

We are urging everyone to come to this important meeting, and if you have already mailed in your proxy you can change it at the meeting.

Joan can be reached at 489-1865 and Penny at 489-4526 and we will try to answer your questions or help with the proxies. One of the questions to ask the BOD is about the covenant that states, because the developer does not pay any yearly assessment per lot, the developer has to cover any deficit of the POA at the end of each fiscal year.

Many residents do not know this information. Be sure you have an up-to-date copy of the Covenants and By-laws and really read them.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

Penny Fyrogennis
Joan Duggins
Rainbow Springs

Fire Rescue thanks community for its support of Christmas party

2012 was another good year for the annual Needy Children's Christmas party. The children, along with their parents, lined up early to see Santa.

As usual Santa rode in, not with the reindeer and sleigh, but on the big red fire truck with lights flashing and sirens blaring. They enjoyed a wonderful baked ziti dinner, with all the fixings, provided by the Dunnellon Bingo Hall before being greeted by Santa.

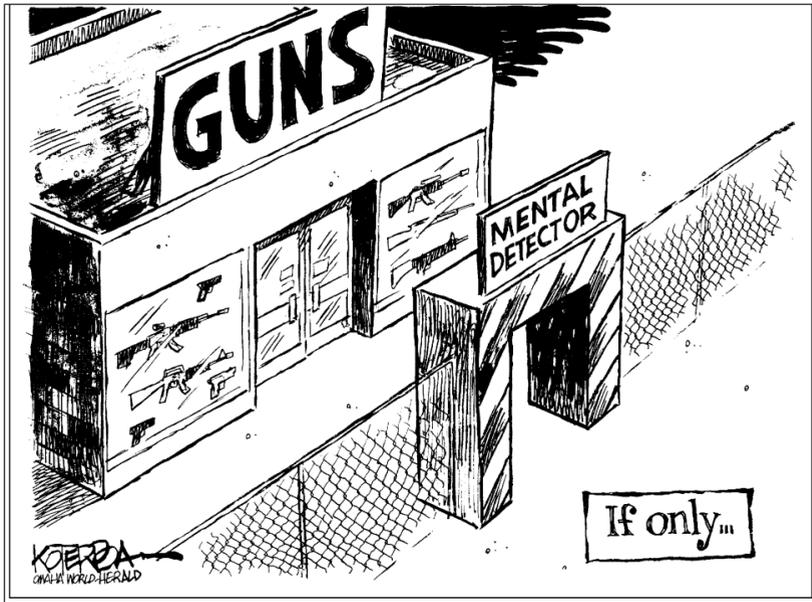
Dunnellon Fire and Rescue can't say enough about the generosity of the business community and the residents of the Dunnellon area. Their donations and support make this event possible year after year.

Truly a lot of these children may not have had a Christmas if it weren't for this event, which has been held continuously for more

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Financial wellness can be yours in '13

January is Financial Wellness Month — a great time to think about your own financial future. It also happens to be at this time that many people make resolutions for the New Year. Why not combine the two and make your own financial wellness a resolution for 2013?

Here are our suggested resolutions for your financial wellness.

• **Start your financial plan with your Social Security Statement.** The online Statement is simple, easy to use, and provides estimates you should consider in planning for your retirement. It provides estimates for disability and survivors benefits, making the Statement an important financial planning tool. Your Statement allows you to review and ensure that your earnings are accurately posted to your Social Security record. This feature is important because Social Security benefits are based on average earnings over your lifetime. If the information is incorrect, or you have earnings missing from your record, you may not receive all the benefits to which you are entitled in the future. www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement

• **Work the numbers.** Once you get your online Statement, you can use the other free resources provided by

Social Security. Use our Retirement Estimator, where you can get a personalized, instant estimate of your future retirement benefits using different retirement ages and scenarios. Visit the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator



Adon Williams

• **Once you are in the know, choose to save.** The earlier you begin your financial planning, the better off you will be. Social Security replaces about 40 percent of the average worker's pre-retirement earnings. Most financial advisors say that you will need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement earnings to live comfortably. You also will need other savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money to live comfortably when you retire. Visit the Ballpark Estimator for tips to help you save. www.choosetosave.org/ballpark.

• **Do some light reading.** Learn more about Social Security, the benefit programs, and what they mean to you and your family, by browsing through our online library of publications. In particular, our publication entitled "When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits" provides helpful information regarding the things you should consider when making a

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JERSEY GIRL

Geeks shall inherit the earth

Aliens, vampires, monsters, super heroes, warriors and time travelers; no, this not a commentary about Halloween. This is about the top 10 non-reality TV shows. When did we become a culture obsessed with science fiction?

This was last week's line up: "The Walking Dead," "Revolution," "666 Park Avenue," "Arrow," "Dexter," "True Blood," "Being Human" and "Vampire Diaries."



Audrey Beem

Notice there were no sit coms on the list.

I heard an older gentleman say: "When I was growing up girls were scared of vampires. Now they all want to date them."

What is happening? When I was growing up there was really only one big sci-fy club and that was, of course, "Star Trek." My older brother loved that show. I never understood it.

"Beam me up, Scotty." What does that even mean? Then again I didn't understand "Star Wars" or "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" either.

My grandson was so disappointed in me when I told him the only thing I know about "Star Wars" is Darth Vader. He asked me to write a story about "Star Wars" and I told him he would have to help me with it.

The only weird shows I ever watched had Abbott and Costello in them. Abbott and Costello meet Frankenstein was one of them. It scared me, yes, but it was funny, and I remember I had two brothers, one on each side of me.

Now it seems the geeks and their science fiction are taking over.

All of a sudden it's what's cool. I have to admit I was a nerd in school, but never a geek. Now if you're not a science-fiction geek, you're out of the loop.

I went to see the second "Twilight" movie with my daughter and granddaughter. While they were both swooning over Edward and Jacob and making up their own fantasies in their heads, I was wondering why I paid money to see this movie and how come the wolves' heads were abnormally large. Not to mention that a pale, pasty white, guy with red eyes is not attractive in any universe.

Now Jacob on the other hand is a very good looking boy. But come on people, he changes into a wolf during the night. Wouldn't this discourage you just a tiny bit?

But no, (spoiler alert), Bella, our heroine, decides to become a vampire herself. She gives up her normal life to suck blood and run around with the bats. Is she batty or what?

I tried to write a novel a couple years ago, but it wasn't successful. My heroine only went to school and defied her parents. Maybe if her head spun around and she spit up pea soup while dating Big Foot it could have been made into a major motion picture.

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There are a number of ways you can celebrate Financial Wellness Month, so start off the New Year by looking out for your own financial wellness at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Adon Williams is the Social Security District Manager in Ocala.

OTHER

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I'd never seen a teenage boy cry, but that was a night of firsts.

I attended Jeff and Jody's wake, along with my sister. It was the first wake I'd gone too.

We both attended the funeral, a first for me as well.

I can still recall sitting with classmates in the bleachers at one of the local churches/private schools where both boys had attended church and school for a short time. I remember watching as the caskets were closed.

I walked home from the service that day, in shoes at least one size too small.

Four years later, I lost another classmate in a tragic car accident.

Toby had moved to Arizona prior to our freshman year, but had returned after graduating to visit with family and friends in the area. It was a joy to see him, catching up with each other and recalling old stories. Toby's death hit me harder, as we had grown up in the same



neighborhood and attended school together through eighth grade. He's a key reason I passed band class my seventh-grade year when I switched from playing trombone to percussion.

I recall a friend's dad driving my buddy, Joe, and I to St. Luke's Hospital to check on him. Upon our arrival, we were greeted by Toby's dad, who had made the painful decision to remove his son from life support. My friend Joe served as a pallbearer, a task he struggled with as a young man, not even 18 yet. Joe struggled to cope

with Toby's death for weeks. Perhaps, because he wasn't with our friend the night he was killed. He was supposed to have caught a ride home with him, instead opting to catch a ride with me because I had a later curfew.

Then as a young man in my early 20s, our family was dealt a shocking, saddening blow with the death of my cousin. It was tough to cope with it. My cousin was two years younger than I was, preparing to attend a prestigious college in Illinois, but a cross-country road trip to Cal-

ifornia was cut short in Nebraska when my cousin was ejected from a van in the middle of the night on a dark, desolate Nebraska highway.

I cannot tell the students at Dunnellon High when the pain will go away. It will take time, it will take healing.

What I can urge you to do is grieve, but more importantly remember the good times you shared with your friend Kyle. Remember his smile, his laugh and your friendship. Remember the good times. It is what will carry you through the dark days ahead.

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than 20 years.

We at the Dunnellon Fire/Rescue would like to extend special recognition to the Tri-County RC Club for co-sponsoring, Dunnellon Bingo Hall, Personal Mini Storage/U-Haul and, of course, Gary's Nuts for locating Santa at the North Pole for this special event. We would also like to thank the residents for their donations and time wrapping the gifts for Santa and to recognize all of the businesses listed below for their generosity:

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I love Michael C. Hall and I heard so many good reviews about "Dexter," so I tried to tune in one night. Only it was the episode where his sister found out that he's a serial killer. That's about as far as I got.

I thought "Lord of the Rings" was about a man with a jewelry fetish. I was hoping "Twilight" was a love story set at twilight. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" involves a whole lot more than a girl with a tattoo.

OK, so I'm not cool. I admit it. I wasn't cool in high school and I'm certainly not cool now. But I cannot be the only person left in the universe that thinks these shows are ridiculous. Can I?

I can't ask my dad, he hates all TV shows. I can't ask my mom, she'd just say "whatever makes my kids happy." My older brother loves science fiction and my younger brother loves anything that thrills and terrorizes. He says: "The popularity of the Kardashians bunch and Bruce Jenner's plastic surgery is way scarier than any horror flick."

I already mentioned my daughters and granddaughter love this stuff and my grandson knows more about "Star Wars" trivia than Luke Skywalker.

OK, then I am outnumbered. I am the odd man out. I am the only person left in this world that doesn't like dead people coming back to life.

But wait a minute. My husband hates this stuff too. He cannot watch any of it. Guess I married the right partner.

I'm going to pop us a bowl of extra buttered popcorn and settle down with "Finding Nemo."

Yes it's fictional and animals certainly can't talk, but you can guarantee I won't have nightmares tonight.

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OUT TO PASTOR

So, this is what new looks like

It was just before New Year's and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were relaxing after a busy week of toil and labor. Not paying much attention to my surroundings, I had immersed myself in a favorite book.

As far as I am concerned, nothing compares to a favorite book when you are trying to relax and unwind. I turned the page and happened to notice on the other side of the room my wife was all a twitchy. I have seen this behavior before and I knew she was anxious to say something. I pretended not to notice.

Finally, it was as if she exploded. "I can't wait for the New Year. Aren't you excited?" I answered in the affirmative to try to keep the conversation as minimal as possible.

"No, I mean aren't you really excited about the New Year?"

I knew if I was going to get back to my book I would have to let her say what was on her mind. According to her, the approaching New Year was going to be spectacular. Everything old, she explained to me, would be new again.

We have been in this New Year for a couple of weeks now and, I will not contradict my wife, at least aloud, but this New Year looks suspiciously like the Old Year.

I am not quite sure what she thought would be different this year, but to me it is just the old year run through again. And, that is good with me. I am not one of these persons that needs the latest flash in the pan. I quite prefer the tried and true.

It was about two weeks after the New Year and my wife said, "I'll be back in an hour or two, I'm going shopping."

It did not dawn on me at the time but about 10 minutes later, it did. The reason my wife was

so excited about the New Year was that she was going to go out and buy some new clothes.

After all, according to her calculations, the New Year deserves new clothing.

I smiled as I thought about her going to the store trying on dresses, seeking one that would fit her both in size and in fancy.

As for me, I am quite comfortable in my old clothes. They fit me just fine, thank you.

Women have to look fine all the time. Men, on the other hand are not that particular about what they wear. I can wear the same shirt for days on end and feel just as comfortable as the first day I put it on. My clothing does not make me feel any younger. I go along with the saying that says you are only as old as you feel. Of course, I do have some of those Methuselah moments.

Everything old was once new and if new last very long it ends up being old. Therefore, whatever is old was once new and whatever is new will one day be old. This is where most people make their mistake. They fail to see the relationship between old and new.

For example, as much as our culture pretends to be youth oriented, it does everything to get old while looking young. I often have this conversation with my wife. I am not old, I am just getting older and my plans are to get older and older.

The great object in life is to get as old as you possibly can while looking and feeling new. Nothing to me is sillier than a 40 year old trying to act 20. The mind may say 20, but the body really knows it is 40.

If people would put the money they spend to look young in a 401(k) their golden years would truly be golden. How much money is spent each year on plastic surgery? What I want

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Rev. James Snyder

Community to honor MLK



Riverland News file photo

Members of the Dunnellon High School Junior Air Force ROTC lay wreaths by the American flag at Ernie Mills Park during last year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. festivities.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the nationally recognized MLK Holiday, several area events are planned to honor the slain civil rights activist.

— There will be a Commemorative Service at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 11840 N. Williams St., with the Rev. Nathaniel E. Rawls Jr., pastor, presiding over the service.

— The Choir Federation, a tribute to Dr. King, will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at Mt. Olive African Methodist

Episcopal Church, 11799 Summit Ave.

— The annual MLK March/Parade will be at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21. The march/parade begins at McDonald's on U.S. 41 and ends at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. The line-up begins at 8 a.m. at McDonald's.

There will be a Family Unity Day Festival/Picnic at Ernie Mills Park following the march/parade. The event is free and open to the public. There will be food and drinks from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with entertainment and sports activities.

Following the Family Unity Day Festival/Picnic, there will be a softball tournament at the Eugene Martin Park in South Dunnellon. Teams will include players from the various Dunnellon churches.

For more information, call Dr. Abraham Robinson, pastor of New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, at 386-590-6846; Frances Taylor at 489-3618; Anita Williams at 489-3465; Mary Terrell at 489-3435; Vanessa Watts at 352-390-5592 or Maxine Thomas at 489-1363.

CHURCH NEWS

Magician to perform at local church

Brian LaPalme, the award-winning, world renowned magician, will perform his magic show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 S.W. State Road 200.

Mr. LaPalme has entertained thousands of children and adults during a career that spans four decades. His magic shows garner rave reviews.

Ticket prices are \$3 for children, 12 and younger; adults, \$5.

To purchase tickets, call 352-598-6272. If available, tickets may be purchased at the door.

Church to host annual Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon, will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Friendship Hall of the church at

21501 W. State Road 40.

There will be two seatings at 4:30 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. Adult tickets are available in advance for a donation of \$6; children 10 and younger are \$3.

Adult tickets at the door will be \$7. There will be a limited number of tickets for each seating, so get yours in advance.

For more information or for advance tickets, call the church office at 489-4026. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for UMW Mission projects.

OBITUARY



Darrold Roy 'Swede' Lindell, 82

Darrold Roy "Swede" Lindell, 82, died Dec. 31, 2012, in Ocala, Fla. Swede was born in Litchfield, Minn., Dec. 28, 1930. He was the son of the late Roy Lloyd Lindell and Ella Clara Schlender. Swede graduated from Litchfield High School and Charnide University in Honolulu, Hawaii. He joined the U.S. Air Force after high school to play in the 776th Air Force Band. He retired from the Air Force after serving 21 years, and from the Hartford Insurance Group. He was a member of the Dunnellon Masonic Lodge and the Sphinx Shrine. He paraded with the Sphinx Drum Corps in Hartford, Conn., and later with the Bektash Drum Corps in Concord, N.H., where, on one Memorial Day, he played taps seven times. He was also a member of the Dunnellon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, where he was Worthy Patron many times, and was a Past Grand Warder in New Hampshire.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan; his beloved daughters, Nanette Stafford, Laguna Woods, Calif., Janette Murtha, South Windsor, Conn., and Carol Metsehaar, Vernon, Conn.; his brother, Jerry Lindell, Litchfield, Minn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services, including a Masonic Service, was 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jeffrey Welch officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut Street, Dunnellon, FL 34431 or The Shriners Children Hospital, 12502 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612. Online expressions of sympathy can be made to www.robertsofdunnellon.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2PM to play at Sunday Sampler

The Sunday Sampler offers music lovers the opportunity of being entertained by Two Petes and a Mike at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, in the historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St.

"2PM" hails from Floral City and is composed of Pete Hennings, Pete Price and Mike Jurgensen. They are three diversely talented musicians and songwriters, who are long-time friends who joined forces because of their love for harmonies. All three have performed at festivals and acoustic venues around Florida for many years, both as solo artists and as members of other groups).

With Price on lead guitar and bass, Hennings on guitar, bass, mandolin and fiddle, and Jurgensen on guitar and harmonica, these three musicians add vocal harmonies to the mix to produce a magical musical blend. Mike is a three-time winner of the Will McLean Florida Song Contest.

Donation is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary snacks at intermission. Funds help support artists who educate through writing and singing about Florida.

For information call 352-489-3766.

Car Cruises slated for the weekend

There will be a car cruise from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Big Lots plaza at 8600 S.W. State Road 200. There will be music, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Bring a

can of food for the Salvation Army pantry.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, there will be a car cruise at the Ocala Drive-In at 4850 S. Pine Ave. The classic movie, "Bullitt," will be shown and proceeds will go to the local veterans home in Ocala, in the name of Terry Cannon.

For more information, call Sid at 489-7379.

Knights to host dinner dance

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 8510 of Dunnellon will sponsor a dinner dance Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The parish hall is located south of the intersection of State Road 40 and U.S. 41.

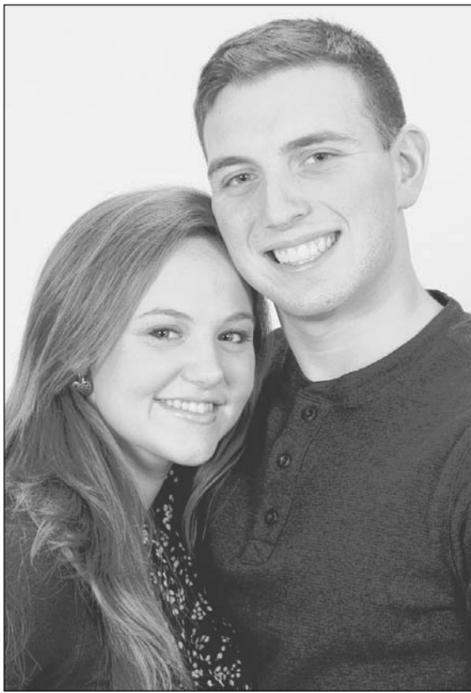
Tickets are available from the parish office or by phone from the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$15 per person. Country Sunshine Band will provide live music. To reserve a table (10 to 16 people) or to pre-order tickets, call 489-6221. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30. Proceeds go to local charities.

Agency launches 'Coats 4 Kids' drive

Annie Johnson's "Cold Nites/Warm Hearts" program is in need of winter coats for children of Marion and Citrus counties. If you are able to support this event, bring the coats to the Annie Johnson Center at 1991 West Test Court, Dunnellon.

For more information, call Larry, Christine or Mandy at 489-8021.

Engagement: Hytovick-Tidwell



Sam and Cherie Hytovick of Dunnellon and Fred and Beverly Tidwell of Crystal River are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Rebecca Hytovick and Frederick Wiley Tidwell III. The couple plan to exchange vows in May 2013. Rebecca is currently a student at the

University of Florida and will graduate in the fall with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences. Fred is currently a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy and will graduate in the spring of 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

CHURCH NEWS

Church to host third Saturday Supper

Community Congregational Christian Church will host its third Saturday Super from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall. Adults are \$10; children are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take out is available.

Community Congregational Christian Church is at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. For information, call 489-1260.

Pianist to perform at concert series

Renee' Deuval will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, as part of the Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series. Deuval will sing, as well as play the piano. She will perform classical to contemporary arrangements, Chopin to Gershwin, Rachmaninov to Scott Joplin. A love offering will be collected for the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church's building project.

Church to host Sunday Afternoon Musicales

First Congregational United Church of Christ will host the Sunday Afternoon Musicales at 3 p.m. Feb. 3 at its church at 7171 S.W. State Road 200.

Church members and friends of the church will sing and dance. Admission is free; however, an offering will be taken to help support our music program. This year's theme is "Love Is In The Air." The choir will sing a medley of Cole Porter love songs in honor of

Valentines Day, and there will be a variety of solos, duets and instrumentals.

Church to host concert featuring big band

The Southern Express, an 18-piece Big Band, will perform at First Congregational United Church of Christ at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Tickets, which are \$10 each, are available at the church office, 7171 S.W. State Road 200, or call the office at 352-237-3035 or Dave at 352-867-7967.

Church schedules monthly fish fry

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East, will host its monthly fish fry from 4 to 6 p.m. the first Friday monthly through May. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

For more information, call 489-5954.

Advent Sunday School programs slated

The Episcopal Church of the Advent has started a series of Sunday School classes for children ages 3 to 12 from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Immediately following Sunday School, the children may participate in the Celebration of Holy Eucharist with the congregation. Children do not need to be church members to attend.

The curriculum is called Godly Play and is taught by Maryann Brennan and her helpers. Advent is 1.2 miles west of State Road 200 on County Road 484, across from the Fire House. For more information, call the church at 465-7272.

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to know is, who in the world do they think they are fooling? Their mirror?

Right after the New Year's celebration, I got up one morning feeling terrific. There was a bounce in my step, a giggle on my tongue; I

was feeling like I was 20 something. I had not felt this good since I cannot remember how long. Then it happened.

No matter how good you might feel some day, there is always something or someone who can undermine that and put you in your proper place.

My mistake was going into the bathroom. There in the bathroom for all the world to

see, especially me is this ghastly object called a mirror. When I looked into the mirror, I was shocked to see I was not alone. I thought I had come into the bathroom by myself but there in the mirror was this old guy I hardly recognized.

My first reaction was to ask him to leave the bathroom and then I noticed something. That

person in the mirror was me! All of those exhilarating feelings dissipated as reality grabbed hold of my soul and soundly shook me.

In my Bible reading that morning, I read what the apostle Paul said. "And be renewed in the spirit of your minds; and that she put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true

holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24 KJV).

Only God, in His wisdom, can create in me something that is truly new.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamesnyderministries.com.



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County accepting applications for Citizens Academy

Residents 18 and older can enroll, applications available via county website

Special to the Riverland News

Get your keyboard or pen/pencil ready — the opportunity to register for Marion County's Citizens Academy is finally here. The county is now accepting applications for its 2013 class.

A free 10-week program, the Citizens Academy provides an opportunity for local residents and business owners to get an inside look at county govern-

ment and its operations, services and challenges. Participants will attend sessions on a different department or facet of county government each week starting in March. Sessions last approximately three hours and include presentations, tours and hands-on activities at various county locations.

Citizens Academy Class of 2012 graduate Denise Azis said that the program answered a lot of questions that affect

everyday life.

"I have a better understanding of how the essential 911 service works. I can better appreciate what the fire and rescue people do. I also understand the solid waste and utilities," she said. "It's also good knowing where the various sites are located, and I know that if I called any of them (county staff) with a question, they would be kind and helpful."

Fellow Class of 2012 grad Rich Lambrecht noted that as a supervisor of his local community development district, he is frequently contacted by neighbors who have questions about government services and responsibilities — the answers often involve Marion County government. He encourages others to take part in the program.

"While it's good to have an opinion on the effectiveness of

our county government and county commissioners, it is even better to have an understanding of what they are doing and how they are doing it," he said.

Marion County residents or business owners ages 18 and older are eligible to attend. All participants must complete a registration form and be accepted prior to attending and go to a minimum of eight of the 10 sessions to graduate. For more information or to apply, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/citizensacademy.htm.



Students and family members of Kyle Lay write messages for the family on a banner Monday morning in the office at Dunnellon High School. Lay, 17, was a sophomore at Dunnellon High and a member of the Junior Air Force ROTC program.

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STUDENT

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about anything."

"He would go out of his way to help you," she explained.

Tiffany Lee, another cousin, said: "He would give you the shirt off of his back."

Those who knew Lay best, remembered the 17-year-old for his outgoing personality.

"He was always smiling," said Major Robert Gilliam, the top instructor for the school's Junior ROTC program. "He was very well-liked, a well-respected member of the Corps. It's a very difficult time for us. He'll be sorely missed."

Major Gilliam said what he will remember most about Lay is his friendly personality.

"He could always get a smile out of somebody," he explained. "You don't always see that out of people."

Major Gilliam said for those in the Junior ROTC program, the coming days and weeks ahead will be tough, but he stressed the importance of moving forward.

"You acknowledge what a tough loss this is," Major Gilliam said. "But you do your best to help the kids out, discuss what Kyle meant to them. But you also have to stay on course and remain focused on what you have to do.



Dunnellon Junior ROTC member Ron Audette, left, and Sgt Kevin Gunter salute as the flag is raised, then lowered to half staff in honor of Lay.

We'll be there for the kids."

Upon hearing the news Friday night, first-year Principal Ken McAteer immediately asked the district to send extra counselors to the school to help students and staff in handling the loss of a student and

classmate.

"He was very popular, very involved, especially with ROTC. "He was a good-natured kid," said McAteer, who knew Lay from their days at West Port High School. Lay transferred to Dunnellon High in December 2011.

McAteer said his death will be felt throughout the school.

"It's definitely something that hurts our school, our community," McAteer said. "But, as a close-knit school, I realize how much support our staff and students will provide each other."

McAteer explained how Lay's death will have a major impact on the lives' of the youths in the school, but it'll be a positive impact.

"I think it brings home how precious life is, how we should embrace it every day we can," he explained. "It's definitely a tragic event, but I think you'll see how we rise from this and become better for it."

While riding in the bed of a pick-up truck is already a Florida Statue, Lay's stepfather, David Stone, said it's not a law commonly enforced. He said through this tragedy, he hopes that can be changed.

"I'm going to push the state legislature to make sure it is enforced, so other families do not have to go through this," he explained. "We're going to try and turn this tragedy into a positive for others."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of the Library book store open

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Book Store, which is inside the library, is at 20351 Robinson Road, behind Sweetbay.

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, craft, self-help, finance, romance, children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends Book Store, with all proceeds benefitting the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends are committed to giving \$2500 per month to your library as a book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

For more information, call 438-4520.

Cub Scouts meet Tuesdays at church

Cub Scout Pack 508 meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Episcopal Church of the Advent, 11251 S.W. Highway 484, Ocala. For more information, call 465-7272.

Annual Day of Caring scheduled Feb. 23

United Way of Marion County will host the 20th Annual Day of Caring on Saturday, Feb. 23. Day of Caring offers businesses, individuals, organizations and civic clubs the opportunity to help local nonprofit human service agencies accomplish much-needed projects during one day of organized volunteerism.

Volunteer work teams who are interested in participating or community organizations that have projects that need

to be completed can fill out an application at www.uwmc.org.

For more information, contact Tina Banner at 352-732-9696 or tbanner@uwmc.org.

Watch-Clock Collectors meet Sundays monthly

The Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meet at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 S.E. 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484.

The presentation topics are about repair and maintenance of Clocks and Watches and related subjects. The public is welcome to attend. There is a \$2 fee, which covers refreshments and expenses.

For more information, call Roger B. Krieger at 352-527-0669 or Jim Beeman at 352-369-3924.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

Norm's Clean Cuts Barber Shop at 11941 Bostick St., Dunnellon is a drop-off point for the U.S. Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive as well as a drop-off location for food donations for Food 4 Kids Inc., which provides back packs full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area.

For more information, call 465-3666.

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 S.W. Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center.

For more information, call 465-5807.

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Gardening classes slated

Special to the Riverland News

Temperatures have fallen, but that doesn't mean you have to stop stocking up on gardening tips and tricks this winter. Learn about caring for holiday plants, fertilizing and composting at the free December and January classes offered by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service staff and volunteers.

Jan. 17 — Fertilizer: What's good, what's bad: Learn how to feed your garden with fertilizer at this session at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion Oaks Public Library, 294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala. For more information, call the library at 352-438-2570.

Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 — Florida Gardening 101: A five-class series designed for beginning gardeners or experienced gardeners who are new to gardening in Central Florida. Classes are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala. The registration fee of \$25 per person or \$40 per couple includes materials and light refreshments. Register by Jan. 23 by calling 352-671-8400.

All sessions are free and walk-ins are welcome, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 352-671-8400 or visit www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionsservice.htm.

'Locks of Love'



Special to the Riverland News
Meagan Siegfried donated at least 10 inches of hair Dec. 26 to "Locks of Love." It was Meagan's third time donating to the program. "Locks of Love" provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Rainbow Springs Garden Club to meet Jan. 24

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, just north of Wal-Mart.

Debe Johns, herb grower, will give a presentation about herb culture.

Bring your extra plants for the Grow and Share table, and be sure to sign in to be included in the Plant of the Month door prize drawings. 50-25-25

tickets will be sold and refreshments will be available for a small donation. Annual membership (September through May) is \$10. Guest fee is \$5 per visit for two visits, after which you become a member.

For more information, call Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

Horses for Hospice Trail Ride slated

Hospice of Marion County will host its 13th annual "Horses for Hospice" Trail Ride on Satur-

day, Feb. 16, on the Central Florida Greenway at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala. This year's ride is in memory of Wayne Vaught, beloved Cross Florida Greenway enthusiast and former Trail Ride chairman.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the first ride leaves at 9:15. Riders travel from as far as Jacksonville and Tampa to spend two to three hours on the trail. Following the

ride, participants can enjoy lunch, live entertainment and door prizes.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Patient Care Programs. The minimum donation to ride is \$30. Wagons are welcome; \$30 for driver and \$10 per passenger. Horse lovers who are unable to ride may purchase a \$10 ticket to enjoy lunch and entertainment.

For more information or to register, call 352-854-5218.

DCF seeks volunteers for program

The Department of Children and Families in your community has been awarded a Food Stamp Participation Grant. DCF is looking for committed volunteers with computer experience to help our food stamp customers navigate the on-line application process. For more information, call Nora Larsen at 352-330-5517 or e-mail Nora_Larsen@dcf.state.fl.us.



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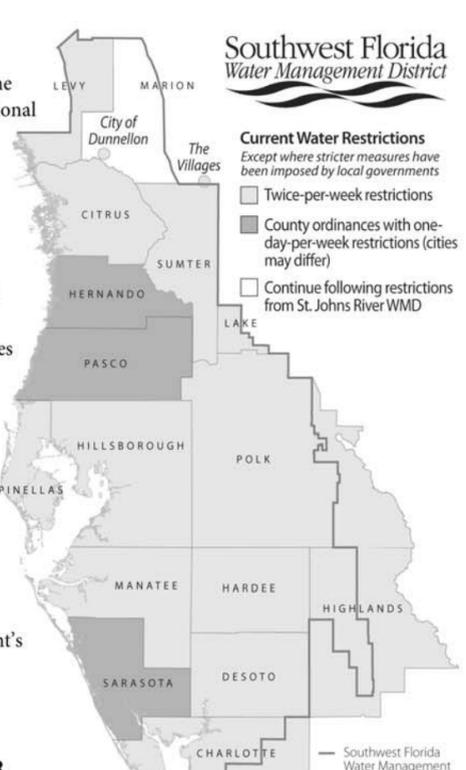
NOTICE

Extension of Phase I Water Shortage Order

In response to recent declines in water resource conditions, the District's Governing Board has decided to extend the terms of Water Shortage Order SWF 2010-022 through July 31, 2013.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Be alert. If conditions do not stabilize, it may become necessary to impose additional water use restrictions.
- For now, in the absence of an equally or more stringent local ordinance, continue following the Phase I restrictions. These restrictions are the same as the District's year-round water conservation measures (see summary below).
- Local ordinances may still apply. Some cities and counties use different or stricter watering days or hours. For example, Tampa and unincorporated Hillsborough County use different watering days. Visit your local government's website or call your water department for details.



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- Twice-per-week restrictions
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PHASE I RESTRICTIONS AND YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES:

- Lawn and landscape watering days are: Thursday and Sunday for even addresses, Wednesday and Saturday for odd addresses, and Tuesday and Friday for mixed address locations and common areas.
- Allowable watering hours for lawns, landscapes, agriculture, golf courses and other athletic play surfaces are before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Micro-irrigation, handwatering and other low-volume irrigation of non-grass landscape areas may occur on any day and at any time.
- Additional limitations and allowances apply to agriculture, golf courses and other athletic play surfaces. Please refer to the original order for details.
- There are no specific limitations on car washing, pressure washing or fountains.
- All wasteful water use is still prohibited.

QUESTIONS?

- Call 1-800-848-0499 (FL only) during business hours.
- Send an inquiry to Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org at any time.

This notice is only a summary of Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2010-022, including its fifth modification. For complete information, please visit the District's website, WaterMatters.org.

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Reviving the spirit



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Motorcyclists make their way along State Road 40 Saturday into downtown Dunnellon as a part of the "Ride for the Son" event in connection with First United Methodist Church's four-day interdenominational communitywide revival, which started Sunday night and concluded Wednesday. More than 40 cyclists took part in Saturday's event in which riders made their way along County Road 484 to Southwest 180th Avenue, also known as High School Road, down State Road 40 and onto U.S. 41 before ending at Ernie Mills Park where riders gathered for prayer.



ABOVE: Kenny Costello puts his arm around his wife, Ginnie, as they listen to Debbie Wright speak about the upcoming revival and the death of John Mihok, the event organizer and member of First United Methodist Church for the past five years.

RIGHT: Wright spreads her arms as she and Vander Klay make their way to Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street to mark the end of the ride.

BELOW: David Vander Klay, right, a New York detective and an evangelist biker, holds the hand of Beverly Snyder, a member of First United Methodist Church, during a prayer for the four-day communitywide event.



Debbie Wright addresses the participants of the "Ride for the Son" event, which marked the kick off of First United Methodist Church's Community Revival Celebration. Wright was wearing a suit vest belonging to Mihok, who died Friday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

First United Methodist Church's four-day Community Revival Celebration kicked off Saturday with somber news as bikers and church members mourned the loss of John Mihok, the event organizer and member of First United Methodist Church for the past five years, who died Friday night after a lengthy battle with cancer.

"It was fantastic," said Ginnie Costello, a member of First United Methodist Church. "Now it's turned into a memorial ride. John worked real hard for this. He wanted to be a part of it, and he still is."

Costello's husband, Kenny, said the impact of Mihok's death would be felt throughout the revival.

"I think it's going to be a really great first night," he said.

Beverly Snyder, a fellow church member who worked on the Evangelism Committee with Mihok, praised his efforts.

"He worked tirelessly on this," she said. "This was his baby. He saw it the whole way through, that's what his goal was. He's meant everything to our church. He was very involved, very passionate about helping others come to know our Lord and Savior."

Snyder said though he wasn't there in person, she knew he was there in spirit.

"I know he's looking down upon us with a big smile on his face," she said. "I know he'd be proud of what he accomplished. He left us with the blueprints for what we needed to accomplish with this. He believed it was what God wanted him to do before he left us."

— Compiled by Jeff Bryan



Members of the Florida Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association bow their heads in prayer at Ernie Mills Park.

A joyful noise



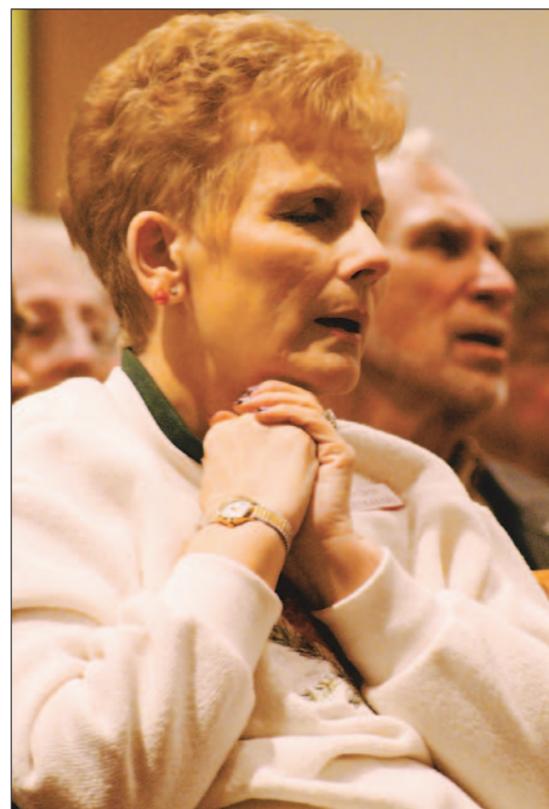
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Ivan Parker wows the crowd during his rendition of "God Bless the USA," in which Parker and the audience paid tribute to those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Parker's rendition of the popular 1980s song by Bruce Greenwood drew a rousing ovation.



ABOVE: Joyce Gabel, left, shares a laugh with John Taylor, center, one of the concert organizers, and Ivan Parker at a special meet-and-greet prior to Parker's performance.

RIGHT: Sam Scott and Parker have a small conversation as Parker autographs a CD cover. **BELOW:** Joshua Parker, Ivan's youngest son, performs a guitar solo for the crowd as his father looks on. The younger Parker's performance drew hearty applause as the crowd asked "for one more" performance from the recent college graduate, who has been touring with his father since graduating with a degree in music.



Marsah Eisenmann sings along with Parker during one of his songs.

*"Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
It's good enough for me."
— David Houston*

Ivan Parker, a renowned gospel singer and member of the famed gospel group The Gaithers, performed Saturday night in front of more than 300 people at First United Methodist Church.

"John Taylor and I are proud as can be with the turnout and all of the new people that seemed to be introduced to the church," said event co-organizer Elizabeth Letchworth, noting during the concert Parker asked how many people are regularly attending the church. "About half raised their hand. That means that the other half were new to the church. That is what it is about, in part, introducing our church to others."

Organizers of the concert said it is their hope to schedule a couple of gospel concerts each year in Dunnellon.



Parker belts out another tune during his more than two-hour performance to a packed house in the church sanctuary.



Roast Beef Baguette

Yield: 2 servings

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup Port or Madeira
- 1 medium baguette (approximately 12 to 14 inches)
- 4 ounces Roth Grand Cru Gruyere, sliced
- 8 ounces deli roast beef, shaved or thinly sliced
- 1 cup au jus or dark beef broth

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Over medium heat, sauté onions in butter until soft, lightly browned and caramelized. Turn heat to medium-high, add Port or Madeira, and cook until liquid has almost evaporated. Set aside until serving.

Split baguette down the center, leaving loaf intact.

Place cheese in bottom of baguette. Top with roast beef and caramelized onions. Wrap baguette in aluminum foil and bake for 20 to 25 minutes until hot.

To serve, remove foil and slice baguette in half. Serve each portion with a small cup of hot au jus or beef broth for dipping.

Savory Quiche

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

- 1 9-inch store bought or homemade pie crust, pre-baked
- 1/4 pound bacon, chopped
- 1/2 pound oyster and shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 2 small leeks, cleaned, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg, freshly ground
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 8 ounces Roth Grand Cru Gruyere, grated

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Sauté bacon in skillet. When fully cooked, remove bacon and reserve half the drippings in skillet.

Add mushrooms and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until tender. Add leeks and cook for an additional 3 to 5 minutes. Return bacon to skillet. Season mixture with thyme, nutmeg, chives, salt and pepper; remove from heat.

In large bowl, vigorously beat eggs; beat in cream and milk.

Layer cheese and bacon mixture onto crust. Pour egg mixture over top.

Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake for an additional 30 to 40 minutes, or until egg mixture is set.

Remove from oven and allow to cool at least one hour before serving.

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FAMILY FEATURES

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Bacon Mac & Cheese

Recipe by Chef Michael Symon

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 1 quart (4 cups) heavy cream
- 4 tablespoons fresh rosemary, chopped
- Salt and cracked black pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound bacon, diced, fried crisp and drained
- 1 pound elbow macaroni or short hollow pasta, cooked according to package directions and drained, reserving 3 teaspoons pasta water
- 8 ounces Roth Grand Cru Gruyere, grated
- Chopped chives for garnish

Place cream in large saucepan with rosemary. Add salt and pepper. Bring to boil and keep at boil until reduced by half (be patient, this takes some time). Stir in bacon and pasta and simmer until hot; add the cheese and reserved pasta water. Stir until cheese is melted. Garnish with chopped chives. Serve immediately.



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Swiss Sliders

Yield: 4 sliders

- 1 pound ground beef
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 ounces Roth Grand Cru Gruyere, thinly sliced
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and cut in half
- 4 small hamburger buns, lightly toasted
- Lettuce, tomato, roasted red peppers and onions (optional)

Preheat grill.

Season beef with salt and pepper, and form into 8 small, thin patties.

Evenly place 3 ounces cheese in the center of 4 patties. Top with remaining patties, and firmly press edges to seal.

Place sliders on grill. Just before sliders reach desired internal temperature, top with remaining sliced cheese and cook for 1 to 2 additional minutes, or until cheese begins to melt.

Layer garnishes and bacon on bottom buns; transfer sliders to buns and serve.



Citrus YMC youth basketball league registration open

The Citrus County YMCA is now accepting registrations for its 2013 Winter Youth Basketball League, which begins Monday, Jan. 28, at the Key Training Center facility.

The league will run for 10 weeks (two weeks of practice and eight weeks of games) and

is open to children ages 3 to 12. The Junior League will have ages 3 to 5, and the Youth League will consist of 6 to 12 year-olds with several age brackets. Practices will be held once a week on a weekday evening, with games Saturdays. All practices and games will be

held at the Key Training Center Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center gymnasium.

Registration is now open, and there will be a skills assessment and team placement given Monday, Jan. 28. The league cost is \$85 for ages 6 to 12, and \$65 for 3 to 5. Scholar-

ships are available through the YMCA's Financial Assistance program. To apply, call 352-637-0132.

Volunteer coaches are needed, and a background screening is required and provided by the Citrus County YMCA. Sponsors are also

needed, and sponsor names will be printed on team jerseys.

To register for the league, visit www.ymcasuncoast.org and download the form on the Citrus County page. Visit our office at 3909 N. Lecanto Highway or call 352-637-0132 for more details.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

DHS' Kiddie World has openings

Are you interested in a way to build your child's foundation for learning before kindergarten at a reasonable price? Dannelon High School's Kiddie World is looking for new little smiles to join the Kiddie World family.

These services run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is \$10 a week.

The Kiddie World programs offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills. For more information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

Stormwater education grants available

Public and private educators wishing to teach their students about stormwater quality topics may benefit from a Marion County Office of the County Engineer grant program.

Through March 29, 2013, educators serving

students who live in unincorporated Marion County may receive funds under the 2012-13 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Grantees may receive up to \$750 to use for stormwater/water resource education and up to \$1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects. Interested applicants may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

For more information about the grants program, call Gail Mowry at 352-671-8686.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of the local schools here in Dunnellon. Box Tops and labels can be dropped off at the office of the church or put in the container in the church narthax.

For more information, call 489-5954.

Hole in One



Special to the Riverland News
John Diacik, center, recorded a hole in one Dec. 28 at Rainbow's End Golf Club. He aced hole No. 9 with a 4-iron into a 25 mile per hour wind on the 148 yard hole. Witnesses were Gus Cambell, left, and Ralph Skinner.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citrus YMC expands Silver Sneakers program

The Citrus County YMCA opened its fourth Group Exercise location in Citrus Springs in November, and will be able to offer Silver Sneakers classes there beginning Jan. 7. This new venue for exercise programs is Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church at 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., in Citrus Springs.

The Y will offer Body Stretch, a low-impact class, and Cardio Pump, a higher impact class, are both Tuesdays and Thursdays. The new Silver Sneakers classes will be offered at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and include Range of Movement, Yoga Stretch will be available at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Those interested in attending classes can try out a new class for free.

The Y currently has three other areas in the county where group exercise classes are offered including Homosassa, Inverness and Crystal River. For more information about

all classes, call 352-637-0132, or visit www.ymcasuncoast.org.

Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

The Writers Group of Central Florida (Dunnellon), a new group open to all writers, will meet at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly at the Dunnellon Public Library. For more information, email wg-dunnellon@yahoo.com.

Boys & Girls Clubs seek donations

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf course starts new league

Rainbow's End Golf Club has started a Thursday afternoon 9-hole Scramble League. The league, open to the public, tees off at 3 p.m. Golfers are paired into A, B, C, and D groups to make up foursomes. Cost is \$17 for nonmembers and \$10 for members, which includes fees, cart, closest to hole prize and winners payout. Dinner is available afterward at a cost of \$7.50 per person.

For more information, call 489-4566.

County serves up youth tennis program

Youths, ages 6 to 14, interested in kicking off the year in high energy may benefit from a program from Marion County Parks and Recreation. Starting this month, the department will offer youth tennis classes at local park facilities as follows:

Now to Feb. 26: Belleview Sportsplex, 6501 S.E. 107th St., Belleview.

Jan. 11 to March 1: Coehadjoe Park, 4225 N.E. 35th St., Ocala.

The program will teach young participants the basics of tennis in a fun and safe environment. Classes will be offered from 3:15 to 4 p.m. for beginners and 4:15 to 5 p.m. for experienced participants. A one-time fee of \$16 per child is required for participation. Playing equipment will be furnished, but participants may bring their own racquets.

To register, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/g/parks.htm and click on the "Online Services" button or stop by Parks and Recreation's main office at 111 S.E. 25th Ave. in Ocala. For more information, email daniel.burleigh@marioncountyfl.org or call 352-671-8560.

'Race for the Kids' slated Feb. 9

The second annual "Race for the Kids," benefiting the Covenant Children's Home of Dunnellon, will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Spruce Creek Preserve, on Southwest State Road 200, about two miles south of the intersection with Southwest County Road 484.

The 5k Run and 1-Mile Walk will be followed by a "Kids Fun Run." All participants in the Kids Fun Run will receive a Participation Medallion.

The entry fee is \$20 for all runners and walkers, who pre-register before the event, and \$25 to register the day of the event.

Awards will be given. All pre-registered runners and walkers are guaranteed a tech shirt, stylus pen and gift bag. Special Awards per website. Standard awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group. There will be a bike raffle, too.

Money raised from the event will benefit the Covenant Children's Home.

For more information or to register, visit drcsports.com or cchfl.org or call Dee at 352-861-4502.

School district offering tutorial GED Classes

Special to the Riverland News

Community Technical and Adult Education (CTAE) is now offering a new semester of GED classes for individuals wanting to earn their Florida high school diploma. CTAE is part of Marion County Public Schools.

Earning a GED, or General Educational Development, can open countless doors — from furthering one's education to beginning a rewarding career. GED classes run \$55 including registration fees. Classes are student-paced and instructor-led with options

available, including online classes.

This semester's classes are offered in the following locations:

- Belleview High School, 10400 S.E. 36th Ave., Belleview. Classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

- Citra SDA Church, 17180 N. U.S. 301, Citra. Classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

- Forest Community Center, 777 S.

Hwy 314A, Silver Springs (CTAE Bus). Classes meet from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Ocala Police Substation, 2400 W. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala (CTAE Bus). Classes meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

- Ocala Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala (CTAE Bus). Classes meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

- Sunrise Elementary School, 375 Marion Oaks Course, Ocala. Classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and

Wednesdays.

- Silver Springs Shores SDA Church, 1345 Pine Road, Ocala (Silver Springs Shores). Classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Students already involved in earning their GED may continue testing through October 2013. After that, the test changes to a computerized version updated for 2014. The cost also increases from \$70 to \$130.

For more details, contact Instructor/Recruiter Ellen Goodridge at 352-671-4133 or email ellengold.goodridge@marion.k12.fl.us.

Historic milestone

Senior guard breaks school record for points in a game

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

Tanika Jackson and the Dunnellon High School girls basketball team had a night for the record books.

The senior standout scored a school record 43 points, including 19 in the fourth quarter Friday night against Crystal River High School as the Lady Tigers rallied from an 18-point third quarter deficit for a 59-51 victory. The win pushed Dunnellon into a three-way tie for first place in the district standings as the Lady Tigers improved to 8-9 this season and avenged a 3-point loss to the Lady Pirates from earlier this year.

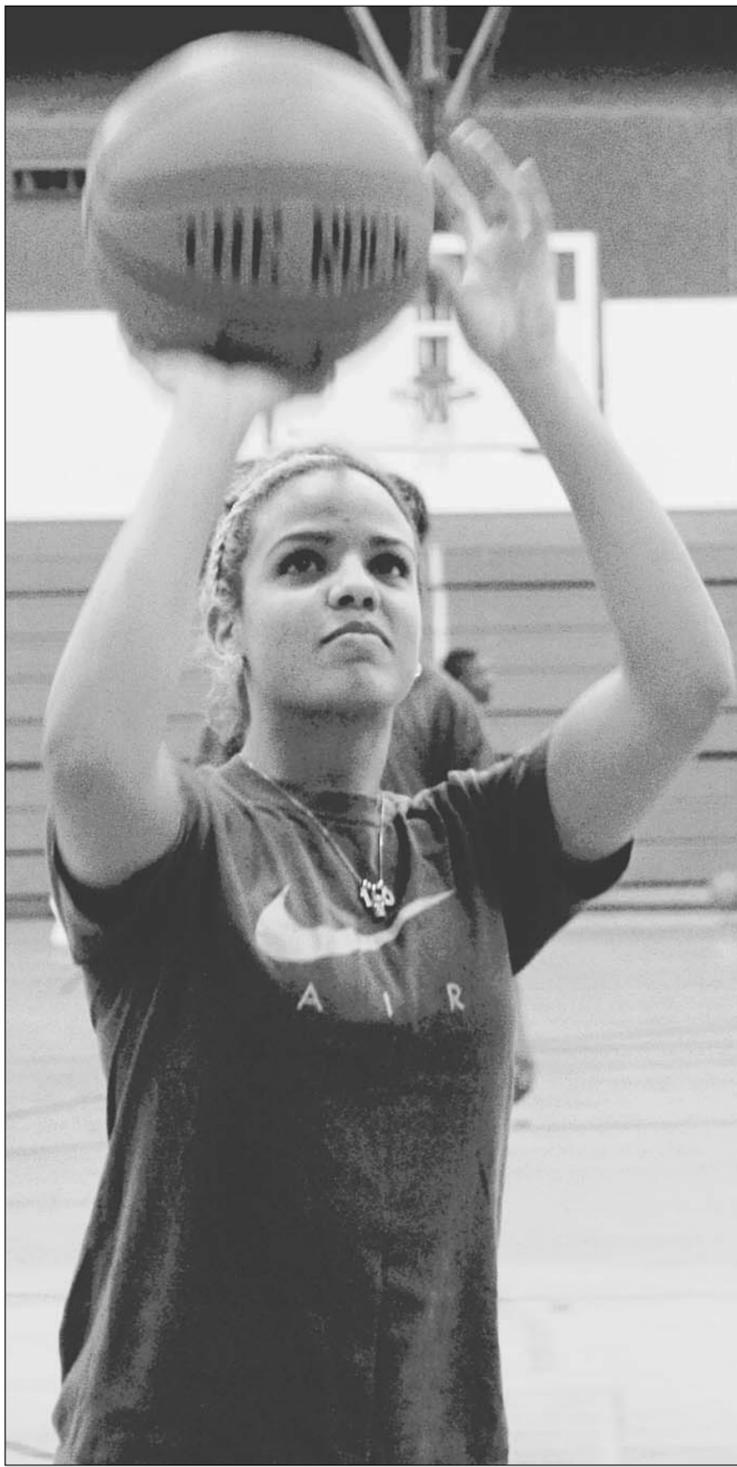
For Jackson, a former cheerleader who began playing basketball as an eighth-grader, the historic night came as a surprise.

The 5-foot-9 shooting guard broke Shannon Williams' 1986 record of 41 points in a game. Williams was a prolific player for the Lady Tigers in the 1980s, earning *Ocala Star-Banner* Player of the Year honors in 1986. Williams finished her high school career with 2,170 points and 1,553 rebounds. Additionally, she averaged 25.6 points and 19 rebounds as a senior and was a three-time All-American at Valdosta State.

"It's awesome," she said of the accomplishment. "It really didn't seem like I'd scored that many."

Even her coach agreed. "It just didn't seem like she was scoring that much," Dunnellon girls basketball coach Tony Maldonado explained, noting the Lady Pirates' defense opted to forgo double-team coverage or even a Box-and-One defensive strategy. "Had they chosen to go with those two options, then they would have left themselves in the position of leaving our other scor-

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon High School's Tanika Jackson works on her shooting skills in a recent practice. The senior shooting guard broke a 27-year-old school record for points in a game with 43. Her record-setting performance came Friday against Crystal River High School.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Survey: Reading is critical

The quote from Edmond Burke, "Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting," is very interesting.

Parents need to read with their children on a daily basis. If you have a computer, have the children read articles from the daily paper to you while you are preparing dinner. Then ask them questions about what they are reading.

Some questions to ask might be: "Where is the event occurring on the globe, is it far from here?" "Do you agree with the article? Give me three reasons to support your belief," or maybe, "What would you do in that instance?"

Here are some facts to consider about how important reading skills are for your child:

- Approximately 50 percent of the nation's unemployed youths age 16 to 21 are functional illiterate, with virtually no prospects of obtaining good jobs.

- When the state of Arizona projects how many prison beds it will need, it factors in the number of kids who cannot read well in the fourth grade.

- 60 percent of America's prison inmates are illiterate and 85 percent of all juvenile offenders have reading problems.

- Students who report having all four types of reading materials (books, magazines, newspapers and

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Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

DMS students prep for Academic Brain Bowl



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

Dunnellon Middle School students, who will participate in the Academic Brain Bowl Competition Saturday, Jan. 26, at Vanguard High School, will have practice Monday, Jan. 14, to continue preparing for the event.

Mr. Steve Williams, eighth-grade History in-

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

structor, is our DMS sponsor for our first-time academic team entry for this annual competition. The academic teams, from middle schools throughout Marion County, will compete in answering questions related to literature, social studies,

math, science, arts and general knowledge.

Students participating in the Academic Brain Bowl are: Megan Barde, Ariel Benjamin, Breanna Bergeron, Savannah Bond, Hunter Day, Hunter Gutierrez, Megan Howard, Shelby

Meyers, Chandler Neal, Cameron Pike, Robert Reed, Christopher Ruiz, Kristen Starr and Trevor Vonnegern.

We are very excited about this opportunity for our students as they prepare to meet and compete with their peers throughout

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DHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tanika Jackson, basketball

The senior guard tallied 27 points in a close loss to Trinity Catholic last week, before torching Crystal River High School for a career-high 43 points, including 19 in 59-51 come-from-behind victory to move into a three-way tie atop the district standings.



Tanika Jackson

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Seasonal sounds



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Fourth-graders of the Romeo Concert Chorus make gestures by placing their hands over their hearts during a song while performing during their Winter Concert.



ABOVE: Sam Wryaals, left, Ashleigh Palmer and Marisol Aguirre beat on drums as the Romeo Concert Chorus sings in the background. RIGHT: Faith McNelly, left, Wanya Epps, playing a tambourine, and Quincy Jones sing along with their classmates.



ABOVE: Bailey Guess, top, Cassie Damien, middle, and Faith McNelly clap along to the beat of a song during Romeo Elementary School's Winter Concert program. BELOW: Calista Neal shakes a maraca during the chorus' performance.



BELOW: Students wave their hands during their performance.

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options open.

"That's one of the differences I keep referring to about the difference in this team. We have some great young talent that has been a plus for this team and Tanicka."

Yet, if you ask Maldonado about Jackson and what she means to the team, he sees more than the team's top offensive catalyst or No. 1 defender. (She averages a team-best seven rebounds per game and 3.8 steals per contest.)

The first-year coach sees her as an on-the-court coach, directing not only the team's resurgence this season, but a crop of younger talent likely to set the tone for Dunnellon's future as a potential powerhouse program.

"She is legitimate as far as her basketball skills," Maldonado said. "Her basketball IQ is very high. I call her coach Jackson, because when she's not taking shots and scoring, she's directing the other players on the court. It is a valuable asset to the team."

Indeed it is, because unlike last season, Jackson has more help on the offensive end of the court, even though the statistics might prove otherwise.

As a junior, Jackson accounted for 35 percent of the Lady Tigers offense. Her figure this season, Maldonado said, is about the same. But he points to the numbers of Jackson's supporting cast to show she's no longer carrying the team but has a steady supporting cast despite their youth.

With quick improvement from the crop of

younger players, not only are Jackson and the Lady Tigers winning, but the senior standout admits she's having more fun this season than in years past because she doesn't feel the pressure to have big games.

"Oh yes, definitely," said Jackson, whose averaging a team best 17.6 points while shooting a blistering 68 percent from the field this season. "The girls have gotten better, we have fun together. It is easier not having all of that pressure but there is still the pressure of closing out games when we need to."

As the season draws closer to the district tournament and a potential state playoff berth, Jackson is taking her time

choosing her college destination. She admits she's leaving her options open for the right offer that will allow her to pursue her college education. Her long-term goal is to become a dentist, with the dream of playing professionally in the WNBA or overseas in one of the many European leagues.



Tanika Jackson

"I would love to be able to do that someday," said Jackson, who has scored 20 or more points in a game eight times this season, including the past three.

Maldonado added Jackson's collegiate career will likely continue at the NCAA Division II or III level.

"She'll play at the next level, that's for sure," he said.

Dunnellon Middle School Food & Toy Drive



Special to the Riverland News

Dunnellon Middle School students and staff recently completed its holiday food and toy drive. Guidance Counselor Donna Durden helped coordinate the schoolwide event with the assistance of Nathan Bee. Altogether, 19 complete turkey dinners were assembled, 24 gift cards to Walmart were donated and wish list items for more than 60 DMS students and the children in those families were collected. Helping pack food and wrap gifts, from left, are: Malik Shakir, Duwayne Jamerson, Hope Lynn, classroom aide Sara Brooks, Matthew Wagner, Savannah Jones

and Bee pose after Dunnellon Middle School students and staff completed their annual holiday food and toy drive. "A special thank you goes to all the students/teachers who provided toys and food for the food and toy drive," Durden said, adding her thanks for Dunnellon Christian Academy which assisted with the food baskets. "None of this would have been possible without the support and generosity of the faculty and staff at Dunnellon Middle School. You truly make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day."

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Marion County. Thank you, Mr. Williams for preparing our students for this awesome competition.

The DMS boys and girls basketball teams will compete in their first home Tuesday, Jan. 15, against Belleview Middle School. The girls' game will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the boys' basketball game tips off at 5:30 in the DMS Gym.

Basketball practice will begin at the normal time of 3:40 p.m. Admission is free to attend the games and we would enjoy our parents and friends to come out and cheer our DMS athletes on!

Also on Tuesday, Jan. 15, the School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center to discuss the School Improvement Process (SIP) and any issues that may come before the SAC Team. Parents are welcome to join us.

There will be no school Thursday, Jan. 17, Friday, Jan. 18, and Monday, Jan. 21. Thursday is a scheduled teacher's work-day Friday is a scheduled teacher's in-service day and Monday, all Marion County schools will be closed as we observe Martin Luther King Day. School will resume Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The 2012-13 Yearbook pre-order sale, at a cost of \$27 is available until Thursday, Jan. 31. Save \$8 by taking advantage of this pre-order price. In May, yearbooks will be \$35. The Yearbook Committee has an exciting 90 all-color page issue planned for 2012-13 and invite parents, guardians, friends and family to add a dedication at a reasonable cost. Email Miss Beth Wood for more information regarding dedications at Beth.Wood@marion.k12.fl.us

As we welcome 2013 here at Dunnellon Middle School, we are also renewing our request to the Dunnellon community to please save your Box Tops for Education for DMS. We want to say thank you again to everyone who has

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Your Box Tops contribution is greatly appreciated and goes toward school supplies for students less fortunate than others. Drop your Box Tops off at Building No. 1, Front Desk or Building No. 10, Attendance/Discipline Office. Thanks for thinking of us.

On behalf of the Dunnellon Middle School S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere), members and sponsors would like to request your unopened trial sized toiletries for their upcoming project for the boys and girls in the Ocala Arnette House.

This is the second year the DMS S.A.V.E. Club has selected the Arnette House as its community project. Last year, the donations of the toiletry kits for the children at this temporary housing facility for children from homes of domestic violence or abuse were eagerly received.

If you have any trial sized toiletry items you don't need, drop them off at Building No. 1 for the S.A.V.E. Club's community project. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday, Jan. 10**
 - 3:40 to 4:50 p.m. — Basketball practice in the gym.
- Monday, Jan. 14**
 - 3:50 to 4:50 p.m. — Academic Brain Bowl Practice in Mr. William's Room.
- Tuesday, Jan. 15**
 - 4:30 p.m. — SAC Committee Meeting in the Media Center
 - 4:30 p.m. — Belleview vs. DMS, girls basketball, in the gym.
 - 5:30 p.m. — Belleview vs. DMS, boys basketball, in the gym.
 - Practice will remain the same, starting at 3:40 p.m. in the gym
- Admission to the games is free.
- Wednesday, Jan. 16**
 - 3:40 to 4:50 p.m. — Basketball practice in the gym.
- Thursday, Jan. 17, and Friday, Jan. 18: No School, teacher workdays.

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- Thursday and Friday, Jan. 17 and 18 — No School, Teacher Workdays.
- Monday, Jan. 21 — No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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File No. 42-2012-CP-001859 Division: Probate
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